

Monday 04 January 2021

Re: WATERLOO'S HOME LEARNING PLATFORMS: MICROSOFT TEAMS (FOR CHILDREN IN Y1 TO Y6) EVIDENCE ME (YN & YR)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Again, we find ourselves in challenging circumstances. In the event that your child needs to isolate, or we have to close a year group bubble or indeed the whole school, we have developed an online platform which is very simple to use and all staff have been trained in its use. Up to now, where children have required a period of isolation, they have been provided with a work pack to enable their learning to continue. However, we will endeavour to provide this via 'Teams', moving forward.

Teams has the facility for 'live' teaching via video and also enables our staff to upload work to complete. If we are placed in a national lockdown or the school is forced to close, teaching staff will 'live' teach for 3 hours per day, as well as providing other work to be completed.

The children have all got a Waterloo login: (firstname.surname@waterloo.blackpool.sch.uk) and their password is generic to their year group. Microsoft Teams is used in schools and offices worldwide. **Children in EYFS (YN & YR) will continue to have their learning supported through 'Evidence Me'.**

Accessing MS Teams

Pupils are able to access MS Teams anytime and anywhere. It is available to them in school and also at home. All they need to do is visit the Waterloo website and on the 'Our Curriculum' tab, select 'Microsoft Teams Login' and enter their login details once they been redirected to the Teams page. ***Their login details are included within this letter.*** The platform can be accessed from tablets and laptops on up-to-date versions of most common browsers.

MS Teams login information:

Username: firstname.surname@waterloo.blackpool.sch.uk

Password:

I hope you find the content of this letter useful - children have been given a 'tour' of Teams in school so they are aware of how to access their online learning.

Work is currently uploaded weekly for any child to access who is isolating, this will complement work being delivered in class. Only in the event of a whole school or bubble closure will learning move online for some 'live' lessons.

Regards,
Mark Hamblett, Headteacher